

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) In a towed vehicle braking system including a first brake applying cable having a first end for connecting to a brake actuating pedal or lever of a towed vehicle and a second end for connecting to a break-away link member and wherein the first cable extends through a guide housing adapted to be mounted to the towed vehicle forwardly of the brake pedal or lever and wherein the housing includes a one way clutch mechanism for maintaining brakes of the towed vehicle applied when activated, and wherein the system includes a second cable having a first end for connecting to the break-away member and a second end for connecting to a towing vehicle, the improvement comprising, force applying means mounted to the housing for applying a force on the first cable to prevent movement of the first cable until a predetermined load is placed on the first cable by the towed vehicle, afterwhich the first cable is moveable relative to the force applying means to apply braking force to the brake actuating pedal or lever of the towed vehicle.

2. (Currently amended) The towed vehicle brake system of claim 1 wherein said force applying means mounted to the housing for applying a force on the first cable includes a member having an end engageable with the first cable within the guide housing, said member being selectively radially adjustable relative to the first cable.
3. (Original) The vehicle brake system of claim 2 wherein said member is a bolt element having a threaded portion and a manually engageable outer end portion.
4. (Original) The vehicle brake system of claim 2 in which said member is a bolt designed to shear at a predetermined load.
5. (New) The vehicle brake system of claim 3 wherein said bolt is formed of a plastic or nylon material capable of applying a force of approximately 35-40 pounds on the first cable when manually tightened.